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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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REMARKS

The following references are listed on the PTO 1449 form enclosed herewith. These two references were cited and discussed in the specification of the present invention.

Caspari, Rudolf, 1993, Bottom Up Generation from Flat Semantic Structures, Proc. Dekalarative und prozedurale Aspekte der Sprachverarbeitung, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachverarbeitung, Sektion Computerlinguistik, 4th Technical Conference, pages 1-6; and

Naumann, Seve et al, 1994, Parsing, Stuttgart, Teubner, 1st edition, ISBN 3-519-02139-0, pages 155-166.

The documents may have markings thereon, however, no significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

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